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ATHENS FOR RTDO

ABU DHABI PLEASE PASS DUBAI

USDOC FOR CAGNE -- PETER HALE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT : REGIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: A WORD OF PRAISE

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE FORMALLY TO GO ON RECORD IN PRAISE AND APPRECIATION OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN SERVICE AND EFFICIENCY OF THE RTDO IN ATHENS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE EXISTENCE AND UTILITY OF THE RTDO HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THE POSITION OF THIS EMBASSY HAD BEEN THAT, BASED ON ACTUAL PAST PERFORM-ANCE, WE DIDN'T SEE MUCH OF BENEFIT TO US IN THE OFFICE. OUR
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POSITION HAS NOW CHANGED AS A RESULT OF GREATLY INCREASED COORDINATION BETWEEN RTDO AND AMERICAN FIRMS RESIDENT IN ATHENS. WE HAVE PRACTICAL EVIDENCE OF THE INCREASED LIAISON, BOTH THROUGH TIMELY RESPONSES FROM ATHENS TO TENDERS IN BAHRAIN AS WELL AS IN WRITTEN OR VERBAL COMMENTS FROM ATHENS-BASED VISITORS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF THE RTDO ROLE.

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2. IN SUM, THE PRESENT INCUMBENT IS PLAYING THE LINKAGE ROLE WHICH THE OFFICE ORIGINALLY WAS EXPECTED TO PLAY IN BEIRUT AND WE SEE IT AS VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE SUCH COORDINATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

3. WE ARE ALSO APPRECIATIVE OF THE FEEDBACK SYSTEM WHEREBY THE RTDO INFORMS THE EMBASSY, BY MEMO, OF THE AMERICAN FIRMS HE HAS CONTACTED AS A RESULT OF OUR TENDER NOTICES.

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